

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. - 47. (cancelled)

48. (New) A crimp tube crimping system comprising:

a crimping tool having:

a first arm having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end comprising a first handle and the distal end comprising a first jaw,

a second arm having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end comprising a second handle and the distal end comprising a second jaw, the second arm hingedly connected to the first arm,

a first straight, flat crimping member integral with the first jaw of the first arm, the first crimping member having a first inner surface width, and

a second straight, flat crimping member integral with the second jaw of the second arm, the second crimping member having a second inner surface width,

the first and second straight, flat crimping members defining a gap therebetween when the first and second handles close and the crimping tool is in a fully closed position about the crimp tube, the first and second inner surface widths limiting further

deformation of the crimp tube, the flat crimping members preventing cutting of a suture within the crimp tube.

49. (New) The crimping system of claim 48 wherein the gap comprises a distance of 0.025 inches.

50. (New) The system of claim 48 further including:

- at least one crimp tube,
- a suture to be placed with the crimp tube, and
- a tensioning device.

51. (New) The system of claim 48 in which the second arm hingedly connected to the first arm via a double action mechanism.